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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A print job creation apparatus that creates a print job, which includes layout of at least one image in a template having at least one image integration area to integrate an image therein, said print job creation apparatus comprising:

a print service selection module that selects one print service among multiple print service options, in response to a user's operation; and

a template storage module that stores available templates corresponding to each of the multiple print service options, the templates being prepared by combining an original template image, which has no image integration area, with at least one area display image, which defines the at least one image integration area;

a template selection module that displays a list of available templates corresponding to a print service selected by said print service selection module, among all the templates stored in said template storage module, to allow selection of a desired template, and selects a template in response to the user's template selection instruction;

a priority order setting module that sets a priority order of at least one image integration area included in the selected template, based on an arrangement of the at least one image integration area defined by the area display image;

a built-in image selection module that selects at least one image as a built-in image to be integrated into the selected template, in response to the user's image selection instruction; and

an image integration module that integrates the at least one selected built-in image into the at least one image integration area of the selected template in the priority order set by said priority order setting module, in response to the user's image integration instruction,

wherein, when multiple built-in images are selected by said built-in image selection module, said image integration module integrates the selected multiple built-in images into the at least one image integration area of the selected template in an order of selection of the multiple built-in image and in the priority order set by said priority order setting module.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

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Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the area display image is used to set a transparent area corresponding to the image integration area in the original template image.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with elaim 5 claim 1, wherein the area display image is a one-pixel-one-bit image having one-bit information for each one pixel, which represents either a bit-on or a bit-off to show inclusion into or exclusion from an image integration area.

Claim 8 (Original): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 1, said print job creation apparatus further comprising:

an image replacement module that, in response to the user's selection of one image integration area in the template with a built-in image currently placed therein by said image integration module and an image to be newly integrated into the selected image integration area, replaces the built-in image currently placed in the selected image integration area with the selected image.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the multiple print services include at least one of an enlargement printing service, a digest printing service, a calendar printing service, a postcard printing service, a photo name card printing service, an ID photograph printing service, a seal printing service, a label printing service, and an album printing service.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A print job creation method that creates a print job, which includes layout of at least one image in a template having at least one image integration area to integrate an image therein, said print job creation method comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting one print service among multiple print service options, in response to a user's operation;
- (b) displaying a list of available templates corresponding to a print service selected in said step (a) to allow selection of a desired template, among all templates stored in a template storage module that stores available templates corresponding to each of the multiple print service options, the templates being prepared by combining an original template image, which has no image integration area, with at least one area display image, which defines the at least one image integration area, and selecting a template in response to the user's template selection instruction;
- (c) setting a priority order of at least one image integration area included in the selected template, based on an arrangement of the at least one image integration area defined by the area display image;
- (d) selecting at least one image as a built-in image to be integrated into the selected template, in response to the user's image selection instruction; and
- (e) integrating the at least one selected built-in image into the at least one image integration area of the selected template in the priority order set in said step (c), in response to the user's image integration instruction,

wherein, when multiple built-in images are selected in said step (d), said step (e) integrates the selected multiple built-in images into the at least one image integration area of the selected template in an order of selection of the multiple built-in image and in the priority order set in said step (c).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Original): A print job creation method in accordance with claim 11, said print job creation method further comprising the step of:

in response to the user's selection of one image integration area in the template with a built-in image currently placed therein in said step (d) and an image to be newly integrated into the selected image integration area, replacing the built-in image currently placed in the selected image integration area with the selected image.

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Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim

1, wherein said priority order setting module sets the priority order of the at least one image

integration area according to a positional sequence of an upper end of each image integration

area in the selected template.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim

1, wherein said priority order setting module sets the priority order of the at least one image

integration area according to a positional sequence of a left end of each image integration area

in the selected template.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A print job creation method in accordance with claim 11,

wherein said step (c) sets the priority order of the at least one image integration area

according to a positional sequence of an upper end and a positional sequence of a left end of

each image integration area in the selected template.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim

1, further comprising a priority order display module that displays the priority order set by

said priority order setting module in the at least one image integration area.

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